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THE GRADUATE FACULTY

The Graduate Faculty consists of the Dean of the Graduate School, Associate Deans of the Graduate School, and Full and Associate Graduate Faculty Members. As the chief University agency for the promotion of the ideals of graduate study, it determines the policies of the Graduate School and makes recommendations to the University Senate and to the President, or to other administrative officials as appropriate. All rules affecting graduate work and the inauguration of new graduate programs must be approved by the Graduate Faculty. Any proposed change in the rules of the Graduate Faculty must be included in the agenda of its meeting and circulated to the Graduate Faculty at least 10 days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.

A. Qualifications for membership

~~Any~~ Only faculty member persons ~~whose assignment includes a research component, and~~ who are in a faculty title series appointment; are eligible for consideration for membership on the Graduate Faculty.

Eligibility qualifications for Associate and Full members are as follows:

- The doctor's degree or its equivalent in scholarly reputation.
- The rank of assistant professor (or equivalent) or higher.
- Scholarly maturity and professional productivity as demonstrated by publications, editorial service, research surveys, creative work or patents, and research in progress at the time of appointment.
- Demonstrated participation in graduate teaching and research in the program.

Appointment of members from another university is restricted to individuals in tenurable faculty positions at those institutions who hold the terminal degree in the field and are engaged in research activities. On recommendation of the Director of Graduate Studies and with the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School, persons who do not hold academic appointment in the University, but who have demonstrated an interest in collaborative participation in its graduate programs, may be appointed as Graduate Faculty members at the appropriate level.

B. Appointment of Members of the Graduate Faculty

The Dean of the Graduate School may confer membership in the Graduate Faculty, to persons proposed for membership by the college deans, department chairpersons, and directors of graduate study, upon the recommendation of the graduate faculty of the respective graduate program (Gov. Regs. VII.A.3 (a)). Faculty may be appointed in multiple programs, with primary and secondary appointments.

1. Associate Members

Associate membership ~~by University~~ is limited to a term of six years with reappointment possible after review by the graduate program faculty and the Dean of the Graduate School. Associate membership for those from other universities is limited to ~~a~~ renewable three-year terms.

2. Full members

Appointment to Full Graduate Faculty membership is made by the Dean of the Graduate School upon nomination by the program's graduate faculty and after consultation with the Graduate Council when required. appropriate. Appointment to full membership is made in one of four ways:

a. Full membership in the primary appointment is granted at the time a University of Kentucky faculty member receives tenure in the Regular Title Series, for those whose primary graduate program appointment is in the tenure-granting department and who holds a terminal degree in the field. If the graduate faculty of a program has voted to enforce further stipulations beyond these requirements for full membership, these stipulations must be reported to both the Dean of the Graduate School and the Graduate Council.

b. Full membership ~~is~~ may be granted to tenured members of other the faculty title series on the recommendation of the program's graduate faculty, the department chairperson and dean, and the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School.

c. Full membership in a graduate program may be granted to tenured faculty members with terminal degrees in other graduate programs and to tenured faculty members in educational units which do not

grant graduate degrees. The nomination ~~is~~ is made by majority vote of the graduate faculty in the program, and forwarded to the Dean of the Graduate School for approval.

In unique instances, an advanced assistant professor may be nominated by his or her chairperson for full membership in the Graduate Faculty, on the recommendation of the graduate faculty of the program. The Dean of the Graduate School must present these cases to Graduate Council for recommendation. To be considered for this status by Graduate Council, a nominee must meet the following criteria:

- a minimum of 2 years of employment at UK
- Demonstration of the appropriate level of scholarly research and productivity and important contributions to the graduate program, including graduate teaching.

C. Change in Membership Status

Once Full graduate faculty status is attained, membership is continuous unless either specific provision otherwise was made at the time of the original appointment or a change in status is recommended by a majority vote of the graduate faculty of the program. The Dean of the Graduate School may seeks advisement from Graduate Council on the decision to change status. The Dean of the Graduate School may also change the status of a member of graduate faculty for cause.

D. Responsibilities of Members of the Graduate Faculty

Associate members are authorized to teach graduate courses, direct master's theses, serve on and chair master's committees and serve on and co-chair doctoral committees. Full members of the Graduate Faculty are particularly responsible for guidance of graduate student research and study to its completion. The finished work should meet or exceed accepted standards for publication, dissemination or performance within the particular discipline.

Full members participate in the formulation of graduate curricula and policy, and they may include Associate members in those activities. Administrative officers assigning teaching and other duties to members of the Graduate Faculty who are taking an active part in the graduate program (i.e., are heavily engaged in directing theses and dissertations, carrying on productive

research, etc.) should make appropriate reduction in the duties required of such faculty members.

E. Auxiliary Graduate Faculty Status

On recommendation of the Director of Graduate Studies and with the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School, persons who have performed an advisory role may be appointed as Auxiliary Graduate Faculty Members for specific student committees. They should hold the terminal academic degree in the field and possess a record of research or creative experience that would warrant their inclusion on advisory committees to assist graduate students in conducting research. Auxiliary Graduate Faculty may serve only as nonvoting members of the advisory committee.

F. Primary and Secondary memberships

Generally, primary appointments to graduate faculty are in the discipline and department of the program. The Dean will often approve faculty members in related disciplines for primary membership.

Programs may consider the appointment of faculty title series members from other programs and departments to serve on their graduate faculties in a secondary appointment. On the recommendation of the graduate faculty and the nomination of the chair and approval of the dean, the Dean of the Graduate School may appoint this faculty member as a full or associate level member as requested by the program.

Secondary members of a program have the same rights and responsibilities as primary members unless these are specified or curtailed by a decision of the primary graduate faculty. The graduate faculty may set stipulations for the continuation of a secondary Associate membership.

Proposal to Change Method of Appointment to Graduate Faculty

Timeline

October 20, 2005: Approved by the Graduate Council (GC)

January 30, 2006: Sent by GC to Senate Council (SC)

February 2, 2006: Sent to Academic Organization and Structure Committee

March 2, 2006: Positive recommendation received from AO&S Committee

March 27, 2006: Proposal Reviewed by SC; SC voted to send proposal back to AO&S

(Due to summer months, proposal held and submitted to cmte in fall 07.)

September 26, 2006: Proposal sent back to AO&S Cmte with suggested changes from 3/27/06 SC mtg

October 27, 2006: Proposal received from AO&S Committee with positive recommendation

October 27, 2006: Proposal sent to GC for approval of edits

August 13, 2007: Proposal received from GC

September 17, 2007: Proposal reviewed by SC and returned to GC

November 20, 2007: Proposal received from GC

November 26, 2007: Proposal reviewed by SC and placed on Senate agenda

December 10, 2007: Proposal reviewed by Senate and tabled (requested revisions to language)

February 28, 2008: Proposal reviewed by GC

February 29, 2008: Proposal received from GC

April 7, 2008: Proposal reviewed by SC and placed on Senate agenda with no recommendation

April 14, 2008: Proposal on Senate agenda but not reviewed

May 5, 2008: Proposal reviewed by Senate